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Park Dedicated at Lopez Ridge

Despite the pouring rain, I was honored to join Mayor Dick Murphy, Park and Recreation Director Ellen Oppenheim, and local residents on May 3, 2003 to dedicate the Lopez Ridge Park in Mira Mesa.



The park, which opened to the public last year, was one of the first projects that I had the honor of working on as a Councilmember. For the past two years, I have worked with Bruce Brown, the Mira Mesa Recreation Council and the Parks Department to design and construct the 13-acre park that is equipped with passive and active amenities.

One of my top priorities since taking office has been to provide recreation space for residents throughout our district. I believe that the Lopez Ridge Community Park will continue to be a tremendous asset to Mira Mesa for many years to come.

City Beaches Remain Open and Clean

I am pleased to report that sewer spills have declined 41% and beach closures have decreased by half since my election to the City Council in 2000.

Prior to taking office, the City was averaging almost one sewer spill per day. I set out to find the reason for this problem and was shocked to find that the City's sewer system consisted of archaic clay pipes. Many of these pipes were over 50-years old and had not been cleaned in decades.

Over the last two years, the City Council has taken an aggressive approach to putting an end to sewer spills and ensuring that our beaches are protected and open for public use. We have put more emphasis on cleaning sewer pipes and have significantly focused our resources on sewer line replacement and rehabilitation.

As a result of these improvements, sewer related beach closures has been reduced by 50%. I am encouraged by these results and am confident that with continued efforts, this number will continue to drop.

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New Guard Rail at Ted Williams & Carmel Ridge

I was recently joined by community leaders Joetta Mihalovich and Roberta Davidson to dedicate a new guardrail located at Ted Williams Parkway and Carmel Ridge Road.

In October 2001, a car accident put many nearby residents in danger when a drunk driver almost barreled into a home located behind Ted Williams Parkway and Carmel Ridge Road. At the time, a guardrail was not yet in place, and this accident prompted me to take immediate action.



I was able to allocate the \$33,000 necessary for the construction of a guardrail at Ted Williams Parkway and Carmel Ridge Road. I felt that this was important to protect the lives of homeowners and pedestrians who walk in this area.

Since October 2001, I have worked with several concerned homeowners to find a solution that ensures the safety of both motorists and residents. The new guard rail will make the community more aesthetically appealing and will ensure the safety of Carmel Mountain Ranch residents. Now pedestrians, neighbors and homeowners can move throughout the neighborhood freely without the concern of being hit by a motorist.

Maienschein Co-hosts Child Safety Seat Check

I am pleased to report that the second annual Child Safety Seat Check was another big success. Over 54 child car seats were inspected by police officers to ensure that they provide the highest degree of safety for their young passengers. The officers, who came from as far as Orange County to help out, offered suggestions to improve the reliability of the car seats.

The event was held at the Scripps Ranch Information Center and was co-hosted by the Scripps Ranch Civic Association. Though this is the second year that the seat check has been done, this is my first year as an actual participant. My wife and I were able to bring our daughter Taylin and her car seat down to be inspected.

I believe that this event provides the knowledge and information that parents need in order to keep their kids safe.





Rancho Bernardo Community Park Shines with Pride

The Rancho Bernardo Community Park shined a little brighter on Tuesday night after lights installed on the remaining athletic fields were made operational just in time for an evening Little League game.

I joined with members of the Rancho Bernardo Recreation Council, players and parents for a lighting ceremony to kick off the game, where I was honored to throw out the ceremonial first pitch along with Recreation Council member Nick Anastasopoulos.

For the past several months, I have worked closely with the Recreation Council to install state of the art lighting for fields seven and eight as well as provide upgrades to the lighting system on field one. These lights enable sports and recreation programs to better utilize the athletic fields in the evening hours.



The Rancho Bernardo Community Park is a jewel in this community and I am pleased that we found a way to make the most of what it has to offer. These lights will allow our local youth organizations to expand their programs, enabling more kids to participate

More Trees for Mira Mesa

I am pleased to announce that the Mira Mesa Senior Center will soon be a greener place. On Saturday, May 17, 2003 at 8:00 am, I will be hosting a tree planting event at the Mira Mesa Senior Center. I have partnered with People for Trees, a local non-profit organization, to provide 18 trees to be planted around the Senior Center.

This event is part of a district-wide program to create and maintain an urban forest in the City of San Diego. I have previously hosted tree planting events in Rancho Bernardo, Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch, Sabre Springs, and Carmel Mountain Ranch. Since taking office, I have made it my top priority to improve the communities in District 5. These tree planting events help to enhance the aesthetic value of our neighborhoods and improve our environment.

If you are interested in participating in this, or any future tree planting events, please contact Angela Yager at (619) 236-6655.





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